REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3, but only objected to claim 4 and indicated that such claim would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In addition, the Examiner allowed independent claim 5 and claims 6-8 depending therefrom.

By the present Amendment, minor clarifying revisions have been made throughout the specification including the identification of trademarked products by capitalization as requested by the Examiner. Furthermore, while applicants do not necessarily concede the propriety of the prior art rejection of claims 1-3, the subject matter of claim 4 (which depended from claim 3) has been incorporated into claim 1 and claims 3 and 4 have accordingly been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer in the interest of advancing the prosecution of the present application. Thus, since all matters raised in the Official Action are believed to have been fully met by the instant Amendment, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any aspect of the present application, she is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

BURNS, DOANE, SWECKER & MATHIS, L.L.P.

Robert G. Mukai

Registration No. 28,531

P.O. Box 1404 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1404 (703) 836-6620

Date: October 2, 2003